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The reply filed on 12 May 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): At page 5, first paragraph, of the response applicant states "that claim 27 was canceled in the Second Supplemental Reply after Final filed on August 12, 2002. Thus, claims 18-21, 23-26, and 30-31 are correctly pending in the present application." A review of the record, however, indicates that claims 18-35 are pending. In pertinent part, After Final Amendments were filed on 06/17/02, 06/20/02 (resubmitted 07/16/02), and on 8/12/02. None of these responses under 37 CFR 1.116 were entered, as is indicated in the Advisory Actions of 7/01/02, 7/30/02, and 8/26/02. The RCE filed 09/17/02 only requests that the After Final Amendment of 6/17/02 be entered. Entry of the amendment of 6/17/02 resulted in the amendment of claim 18 and the addition of new claims 30-35.

Applicant is urged to carefully consider just which claims, and which version of the claims it wishes to have pending before the Office. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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